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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 39, 40, 43, 62, 68 and 69 and any other titles necessary to effectuate the purpose of this act, relative to environmental audits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. It is the intent and purpose of the state of Tennessee to encourage owners and operators of facilities and persons conducting other activities regulated under Tennessee environmental laws, or the regional, federal or local counterpart or extension of such laws, to conduct voluntary internal environmental audits of their compliance programs or management systems, and to assess compliance with such statutes, thus furthering the protection and enhancement of the environment and general public welfare of the state of Tennessee. In order to promote this public policy and intent, an environmental audit is herein made a confidential communication in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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